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This is to make my voice heard:

I oppose the current form of settlement in the Microsoft anti-trust trial.

While there are glimmers of remedy in there, it does virtually nothing to remedy the actual anti-competitive nature of Microsoft's past actions.

Having won the case, having proven Microsoft's illegal conduct, and obtained a judgement that has withstood significant legal challenge, I just don't understand the logic in a "slap on the wrist" and letting Microsoft free to resume their activities.

Since no justice has been served, this agreement amounts to nothing more than "don't do it again" (again), this is a settlement for the sake of settlement.

This only compounds the problem, as this sets a social and legal precedence to allow vicious acts of this nature to continue unchecked!

Please reconsider this settlement!

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